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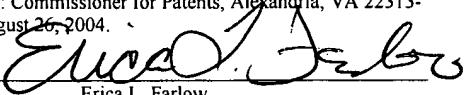
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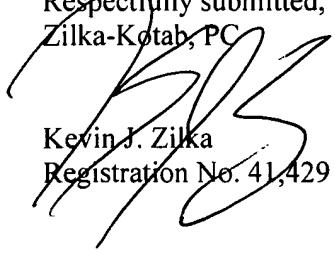Erica L. Farlow

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1)   Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed 08/18/04, please enter the following remarks:

REMARKS

In the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance, the Examiner states that Wiegel and Bal et al. do not disclose the graphical user interface in the order as claimed in all independent claims which includes a first graphical user interface that allows a user to associate the network objects with the rule sets, a second graphical user interface that allows the user to create associations of the rule sets and the network objects for a firewall, a third graphical user interface that is displayed upon selection of a network object, a fourth graphical user interface for creating and editing the rule sets, a fifth graphical user interface for configuring a new policy rule for being added to one of the rule sets, a sixth graphical user interface for adding a new network object, and a seventh graphical user interface for editing one of the network objects.

In response, applicant emphasizes that not all of the claims incorporate all of the subject matter noted above. For example, Claim 24, as mentioned in AMENDMENT B filed 06/19/04, only includes such subject matter, *in part*, namely the following subject matter: at least three graphical user interfaces selected from the group consisting of a first graphical user interface that allows a user to associate the network objects with the rule sets, a second graphical user interface that allows the user to create associations of the rule sets and the network objects for a firewall, a third graphical user interface that is displayed upon selection of a network object, a fourth graphical user interface for creating and editing the rule sets, a fifth graphical user interface for configuring a new policy rule for being added to one of the rule sets, a sixth graphical user interface for adding a new network object, and a seventh graphical user interface for editing one of the network objects. Such subject matter is deemed allowable by applicant.

In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 505-5100. The

Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1351 (Order No. NAI1P007/00.045.01).

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